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MINISTER DAWEE CHULLASAPYA ON THE US MILITARY PRESENCE/
REDUCTIONS

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1. THE FOLLOWING ARE UNOFFICIAL USIS TRANSLATIONS OF
EXCERPTS FROM PRESS CONFERENCES GIVEN BY DEFENSE
MINISTER DAWEE CHULLASAPYA ON OCTOBER 24 AND PRIME MINISTER
SANYA THAMMASAK ON OCTOBER 25.

2. DAWEE CHULLASAPYA: BEGIN EXCERPTS: REPORTER: IS
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE READY TO NEGOTIATE THE
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REDUCTION OF AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES NEXT MONTH?

DAWEE: SINCE THE NECESSITY FOR CERTAIN ACTIVITIES HAVE BEEN ENDED NOW, THE UNITED STATES IN WITHDRAWING ITS MILITARY FORCES STEADILY. WE DO NOT HAVE TO HOLD NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE MEETINGS ARE HELD REGULARLY. IN OTHER WORDS, THERE IS A COMMITTEE COORDINATING WORK WITH ALLIES THAT IS IN CHARGE OF HOLDING MEETINGS REGULARLY TO DETERMINE WHICH UNITS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN, AND PROPER TIME FOR THEM TO BE WITHDRAWN.

REPORTER: WHEN WILL THE NEXT WITHDRAWAL BE CARRIED OUT?

DAWEE: I HAVE NOT RECEIVED A REPORT YET.

REPORTER: SHOULD PUBLIC OPINION DEMAND FOR AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES TO BE COMPLETELY WITHDRAWN, WHAT DECISION WOULD YOU MAKE?

DAWEE: WE WOULD HAVE TO CONSIDER THE SITUATION FROM VARIOUS ANGLES, SUCH AS GOOD AND ADVERSE RESULTS FROM THE AMERICAN MILITARY PRESENCE HERE, AND WHETHER THE DANGER THAT MIGHT MENACE THAILAND IS A DANGER WE ARE ABLE TO COPE WITH AND OPPOSE OURSELVES, AND TO WHAT EXTENT. END EXCERPTS

3. PRIME MINISTER SANYA THAMMASAK: BEGIN EXCERPTS:

REPORTER: A VOA REPORT BROADCAST THIS MORNING STATED THAT THE US DEPUTY SECRETARY OF STATE FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS ANNOUNCED THAT NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE HELD REGARDING AMERICAN MILITARY FORCES IN THAILAND IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE.

SANYA: I HAVEN'T HEARD OF IT AT ALL. THE GOVERNMENT HAS NOT BEEN INFORMED, NEITHER HAS ANY CONTACT BEEN MADE YET. END EXCERPTS.
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